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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR CONVERSATION WITH KARAME

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1. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION RANGE OF TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN MEETING WITH KARAME. YOU SURELY HAVE BEST FEEL FOR HANDLING OF DISCUSSION OF LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE. WE HAVE ONLY FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

2. YOU MIGHT MENTION DEEP POPULAR CONCERN OF AMERICANS OF ALL PERSUASIONS ABOUT LEBANESE SITUATION, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY SENATE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY SENATOR ABOUREZK (SEPTEL). OF COURSE, THERE IS ALSO OUR RECENT HUMANITARIAN GESTURE IN MAKING AVAILABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR AUB HOSPITAL AND FOR DISTRIBUTION BY IT TO OTHER HOSPITALS FOR USE IN TREATING CASUALTIES.

3. FINALLY, YOU CAN TELL HIM THAT WE CONSIDER JUST CONCLUDED SADAT VISIT TO HAVE MADE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO U.S.-ARAB UNDERSTANDING. WE HAVE REAFFIRMED OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE UNABATED OUR

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EFFORTS TO FURTHER PEACEMAKING PROCESS DESIGNED TO BRING

JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT TO ALL THE STATES AND PEOPLES
OF AREA, INCLUDING PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. SADAT EXPRESSED
TO US HIS CONCERN, WHICH WE SHARE, OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN
LEBANON, AND WE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH IN THIS
REGARD. WE ALSO MADE CLEAR WE REGRET PRESENT DIVISIONS
IN ARAB WORLD, WHICH COMPLICATE PEACEMAKING EFFORTS AND
ALSO IMPEDE ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVE OF RESTORING
STABILITY IN LEBANON. IN OUR VIEW, HISTORY WILL SHOW
THAT SADAT'S DECISION TO CONCLUDE RECENT SINAI AGREEMENT,
AS STEP TOWARD OVERALL SETTLEMENT ON ALL FRONTS, WAS A
DECISION THAT WILL SERVE INTERESTS OF ALL ARABS BY
RESTORING MOMENTUM TO PEACEMAKING PROCESS AND
DEMONSTRATING TO WORLD AND U.S. OPINION ARAB DEDICATION
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